

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 748

By Calfee

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jonathan Christopher Whaley on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Jonathan Christopher Whaley, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on February 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the son of Chris and Cindy Whaley and grandson of Eddie and Teina Ingram, Estel and Sandy Underwood, and Lowell Whaley, Jonathan is a senior at Midway High School, where he has excelled both in Boy Scouts and extracurricular activities, including the golf team, drama club, Beta Club, and Tennessee Scholars; he also was chosen to participate in the 2016 Governor's School for the Arts - Filmmaking; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan has forged an exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of the Boy Scouts from the time he became a Scout in August 2012; he advanced to First Class Scout in December 2013, Star Scout in May 2014, and Life Scout in March 2015; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 103 includes twenty-three merit badges and distinguished service as senior patrol leader; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; he raised funds for and installed a buddy bench at Bowers Elementary School to empower shy students to make friends more easily; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as a member of Trenton Street Baptist Church, where he is active in the Pathfinders youth group and operates the sound board for Wednesday evening services; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan's commitment to better himself will continue after high school as he plans to attend Roane State Community College to study mass communications prior to attending Middle Tennessee State University to study video and film production; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Jonathan Whaley as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jonathan Christopher Whaley on becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.